THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not know whether seniority is taken into consideration when the panel is prepared."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the panel is prepared by the President of the District Board, the Divisional Inspector of Schools and the District Educational Officer sitting in a committee or is it done by correspondence?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, may I know whether the antecedents of the teachers are verified before their names are included in the panel?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I suppose that that the antecedents will be taken into consideration."

Proposals regarding the merger of Prohibition department with the Police department

* 140 *Q.*—SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any proposals from the Inspector-General of Police and the Board of Revenue with regard to the merger of the Prohibition department with the Police department;

(*b*) if so, the decision arrived at by the Government on the proposals; and

(*c*) when the merger will come into effect?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The proposal is to entrust the enforcement of Prohibition throughout the State to the Police department. Detailed proposals to implement it have been received from the Inspector-General of Police and the Board of Revenue (Excise).

" (*b*) & (*c*) The proposals are under the consideration of the Government."

Grant of liquor permits from April 1954.

* 141 *Q.*—SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applicants have been granted liquor permits each month from April 1954 up to date; and

(*b*) whether Government have any proposal to change the policy of granting liquor permits?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) One hundred and eighteen in April.